

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on May 9, 2008 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on February 11, 2008. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 41-43 and 45-55 are allowed over prior art.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has amended claims to correct previous 101 issues. In addition, for the purpose of examination, the deletion of such embodiments (removing references to the medium being propagation media, etc.) is being treated as an explicit act to remove such embodiments from the scope of the claims."

4. The prior art fail to teach or suggest fairly ***with respect to claim 41***, generating at least one trigger for said event, wherein said trigger is associated with at least one configuration policy, and comparing said configuration policy associated with said trigger with said configuration data associated with said event for which said trigger was generated, with respect to claim ***42 and 43***, scanning a network data store for at least one transaction, wherein said transaction includes one of connecting components, adding components, updating components and rezoning components in said network, and using configuration data associated with said event to determine whether a configuration policy has been violated based on transaction results.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prenell P. Jones whose telephone number is 571-272-3180. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

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